



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF BURLINGTON

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Happy New Year!

Before moving in to all the glory 2017 is sure to bring, I want to quickly reflect, once again, on a wonderful December we had in our club. For the first time in many years, the schedule of volunteers for Ding-A- Ling day was 100% full; we spent an early morning Christmas shopping with 35 local children so they could enjoy Christmas; we collected nearly \$800 among ourselves to support the Coats for Kids program and many children were able to visit Santa's lap this year. A big shout out to all of the folks who coordinated, worked on an volunteered for each of those projects and one more kudos to Gary Young for his technical assistance with Santa's equipment! Each one of you made at least one person's day in December with your efforts.

We also had our first ever white elephant gift exchange which was a lot of fun. I was blown away by the number of participants, thank you for jumping on board with a new idea. My day was made as I observed a lot of handshakes, hugs and laughter as the day concluded. Congratulations to Karen Erickson for winning the ugly sweater contest; she sure had some stiff competition! It's unclear how we should feel about the introduction of our new cast members, Jingle & Jangle, but they did seem to provide some entertainment, that's for sure. Something tells me we will see more of them as the year continues, beware! Last, but not least, how wonderful were our Kiwanis singers for the Christmas celebration?! Vicki, you and your team never cease to amaze all of us, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the singers! Finally, I sure hope you all had a very Merry Christmas surrounded with love and laughter!

I'm writing this before we visit The Polar Express as we celebrate and recognize our own children, but I am confident Kids Day will be a huge success with Cassie Gerst, Karen Erickson and Sharon Graham conducting the day.

As we move into 2017, time will continue to move quickly and our plates will be full again before we have a chance to realize it. I want to fill you in on a couple of things happening in our club in January.

On Thursday, January 26th , we will be hosting our first-ever fun committee day at our regular meeting. There will be no program; instead we will have a tailgate theme day including food and activities.

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## ***President's Message Continued***

The same day will be the official kickoff to our membership drive. Our entire club membership will soon be divided into five teams and each team has a captain. Those captains will likely contact you via email or at an upcoming meeting to let you in on any team ideas/activities/approaches/etc. We are shooting for a fun and friendly competition in this approach. There will be prizes along the way and a big prize for the team that brings in the most new members at the end of the drive, Kiwanis Night Out. Keep your ears and eyes open for additional details as they unfold.

Most importantly, we want to encourage you to bring a prospective member to the meeting on January 26th . This meeting set up will allow for additional networking and interaction among current and potential members as well. It should be, well, FUN!

Cheers and Blessings,  
Melissa Jones

## ***Board of Directors Meeting***

At the December board meeting, your Directors & Officers approved the following funding requests:

- Toys for Tots – \$500 was approved for their toy drive
- Salvation Army –\$1000 was approved for their kettle drive

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Randall

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## ***It's A Wrap! Photos with Santa has Finished for the Year***

As a Club, we have finished another year of our Santa Project. We began this project on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and worked through Sunday, December 18th . There were 66 different time slots covering 139.5 hours. After expenses, the Club netted \$4352.02, which works out to over \$31 per hour.

As I've said at the last several meetings, a great big thank you to Gary Young for his continued work on this project for our Club. I also would like to thank the roughly 50 different people that helped to fill the 66 different time slots that made up the volunteer effort for this project and those that helped to both set up and tear down our equipment.

We will get together as a Committee in the near future to evaluate this project going forward, but clearing over \$4000 is a nice boost to our bottom line and I continue to see this as a service project as well as a fund raiser.

Thanks again to everyone that helped.  
Jon Hart, Santa Chairperson



*Shout Out to Heath Hillyard for volunteering as Santa. This memory of his beautiful family will be a keepsake for years to come! If only his daughter knew who Santa was!*



## *Holiday FUN*

Featuring the wonderful voices of the Kiwanis Singers, the December 22 meeting was lots of fun!

We had ugly sweaters, a white elephant gift exchange and Jingle and Jangle, the elves who hosted the day.

Thank you to all who helped plan the day and to all of the members who participated in the fun.



## *Save The Date!*

*Saturday, March 11,  
10 am, Crapo Park*

## *Mark Your Calendar...*

5 – Chief Black Hawk, Russ Fry

12 – Burlington Steamboat Days, Amy

Burkhart

12 – Birthday Table

17 – Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

19 – Des Moines County Roads, Brian

Carter

26 – FUN Day

Programs arranged by Sam Larson



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